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CLAIMS:

1. A composition comprising,
(a) from about 1 to 99 weight percent, based on
5 the total weight of the composition, of
pigment particles; and
(b) from about 1 to 99 weight percent, based on
the total weight of the composition, of a
polymer effective to inhibit the
10 agglomeration of the pigment particles when
dispersed in a liquid medium:
characterized in that the polymer is polymerised from
a vinyl halide, a vinyl ester and a monomer having a
sulfonic acid group or a derivative thereof and is
15 effective to provide a Viscosity Retention Factor of 5
or less.
2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the
polymer is effective to provide a Viscosity Retention
20 Factor of 3 or less.
3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the
polymer is effective to provide a Viscosity of 700
centipoises or less.
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4. The composition of claim 3 wherein the
polymer is effective to provide a Viscosity of 200
centipoises or less.
- 30 5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the
monomer is selected from the group consisting of 2-
acrylamido-2-methylpropanesulfonic acid, sulfoethyl
methacrylate, sulfomethyl methacrylate, and mixtures
thereof.
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6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the
composition is a solid.

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7. The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is a dispersion of the pigment particles in the liquid medium.

5 8. The composition of claim 7 wherein the liquid medium is a solvent for the polymer.

9. The composition of claim 7 wherein the liquid medium is a monomer.

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10. The composition of claim 8 wherein the solvent is an ester or a ketone.

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11. A coating made from the composition of claim 1.

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12. A coated substrate comprising a substrate having coated thereon a coating made from the composition of claim 1.